

## Claims

- [c1] 1.A method for influencing behavior in young, adult or aged pet animals which comprises systemically administering a behavior influencing quantity of an omega-3 fatty acid or mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.
- [c2] 2.The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the animal is a dog or a cat.
- [c3] 3.The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is about 1 to 6 years of age.
- [c4] 4.The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is at least about 7 years of age.
- [c5] 5.The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat has an observable behavior deficit prior to administration of the omega-3 fatty acid or mixtures thereof.
- [c6] 6.The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat does not have cancer or arthritis.
- [c7] 7.The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is up to about 1 year of age.
- [c8] 8.A composition suitable for systemic administration to a young adult or aged pet animal which comprises a carrier and a behavior influencing quantity of an omega-3 fatty acid or a mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.